PUBLIC STATEMENT OF MARTA ADAMS

MS. ADAMS: Thank you. My name is Marta Adams, no Adamson.

MR. LAWSON: Sorry about that.

MS. ADAMS: I'm a Deputy Attorney General representing the Office of the Attorney General. Attorney General Del Papa will be addressing DOE at the Las Vegas hearing, and we will submit formal comments at that time.

1 | We do thank DOE for adding Carson City as a venue. We appreciate that. We think it's important that in the State's capitol, the concerns of the citizens here are heard as well.

With me in the audience are my two children. They are examples, as was the inspirational young woman earlier, of the future generation of Nevadans, and we're concerned about our state.

2 | The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is a seriously flawed document. I think in part because the project underlying the document is so seriously flawed.

As the representative of Citizen Alert pointed out, the original premise of the waste repository was to use geologic isolation as the means for segregating this waste from the human and natural environment. Now evidence and science is showing irrefutably, as the document shows, that that can't be done.

So now we're looking at engineered barriers. And we know that those fail. So we're very concerned that there will be releases into the environment. And our environment is important to us.

3 | Nevada has the singularly most vulnerable economy of all the states in the country. Our state is particularly susceptible to negative perceptions and stigma associated with nuclear imagery. This item is not even considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. That is a serious flaw.

4... | It is our belief that the Yucca Mountain project is already an $8 billion white elephant, and it's growing. It is not going to solve this country's nuclear waste dilemma by any means. We're talking about a facility whose life is 30 years. This is not

4 cont. | going to take care of the problem. What then?

These serious questions need to be answered, and I thank you very much for your time. That's it.

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